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Practitioner's Docket No. 350/001/CIP

In the Application of:)	
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Hendrick, Kendall B., et al)	Art Unit: 3724
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Serial No: 09/844,833)	
)	Examiner: Flores-Sánchez, Omar
Filed: April 27, 2001)	
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For: Automated Microtome Blade Changer)	

Response to Office Action and Reply under 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in Reply to the April 20, 2005 Final Office Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. Applicants are responding by filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including amendments to the description, claims and drawings. No extension of time is needed to reply as it is timely filed, however in the event this paper does not reach the Office in time, then an extension of time sufficient for this paper to be considered is hereby provisionally petitioned for, and the fee therefore may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0861.

Amendments to the Specification are discussed on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are by Replacement Sheets; remarks begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.